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Cincinnati Ranks 38th in U.S Cities

In the second edition of the *Cities Ranked and Rated* book, Cincinnati-Middletown has been named the 38th best metropolitan area in the United States out of 373 cities. This is an improved position over the 92nd ranking in 2004.

Cities Ranked and Rated compiles information from over 400 cities and provides population statistics, as well as ranks each city on a number of essential factors, many of which are of vital interest in today's economy.

The 10 different categories are: economy and jobs, cost of living, climate, education, health and healthcare, crime, transportation, leisure, arts and culture, and overall quality of life.

The criteria that hold the most weight are cost of living, climate and quality of life. Areas that gained more weight for the new edition were affordable housing and reasonable commuting times.

"This ranking showcases the many great qualities that Cincinnati offers," said City Manager Milton Dohoney. "From our reasonable cost of living to our award-winning arts and cultural offerings, this ranking just shows, Cincinnati has the whole package."

Bert Sperling, creator of Money magazine's original "Best Places to Live" list, provided the data.

Columbus barely edged out Cincinnati, coming in at 36th. Dayton, on the other hand, fell to the 84th place, after finishing 41st in 2004.

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